



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5062-048]

Quinebaug Associates, LLC; Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process
- b. Project No.: 5062-048
- c. Date Filed: February 28, 2022
- d. Submitted By: Quinebaug Associates, LLC (QA)
- e. Name of Project: Quinebaug – Five Mile Pond Project (project)
- f. Location: On the Quinebaug and Five Mile Rivers, in Windham County, Connecticut. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR §§ 5.3 and 5.5 of the Commission’s regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Celeste Fay, Gravity Renewables; 5 Dartmouth Drive, Suite 104, Auburn, NH 03032; (413) 262-9466; or email at celeste@gravityrenewables.com.
- i. FERC Contact: Amanda Gill at (202) 502-6773; or email at amanda.gill@ferc.gov.
- j. QA filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on February 28, 2022, and provided public notice of its request on the same day. In a letter dated April 26, 2022, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved QA’s request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR § 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106 of the National Historic

Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR § 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating QA as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. On February 28, 2022, QA filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed and/or printed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 5062. Pursuant to 18 CFR § 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10, each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by February 28, 2025.

p. Register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: April 26, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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